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**Montgomery County Animal Services Hosts First “Kitten Shower”**

As “Kitten Season” Approaches, Animal Shelter Throws Baby Shower for Kittens

**Derwood, MD** – On Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center (MCASAC) will host its first “Kitten Shower,” a baby shower for kittens. The free event will be held from 12 to 4pm at MCASAC. The Kitten Shower will feature games, education, crafts, and yes, kittens. The Kitten Shower, called “Welcome to Purrrenthood” is a way to bring in much-needed donations of items like kitten milk replacement formula, feeding bottles, and heating pads – items essential to the care of young kittens. The shelter also hopes to raise awareness of the urgent need for foster families to help care for these kittens.

“Fostering animals is lifesaving as many orphaned kittens would not survive without foster homes,” explains Joanne Heller, Foster Care and Rescue Coordinator. “We are expanding our foster community every year, but we really need more kitten foster families – and soon – in order to accommodate the number of kittens we expect this summer.”

Foster volunteers house these young kittens and provide essential care until they are ready to be adopted while MCASAC provides all the supplies a foster family may need, including food, litter, bedding, toys, and medical care.

Those interested in becoming foster families can sign up at the event, or may fill out an [application](#) in advance. Applicants will be given ample training and will be matched with animals that fit their lifestyle and experience. Jack and Chrissy (pictured at right) went to a foster home with a human toddler and several dogs. They will be at the event on Saturday and available for snuggling!



No registration is required for the “Welcome to Purrrenthood” event, but interested parties are encouraged to sign up for the event on [Facebook](#). While the event is free, MCASAC is requesting donations, which can be found on the event flier or the event’s [Amazon Registry](#). Children are welcome, but family pets should be left at home.

**About the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center:**

*The Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center (MCASAC), operated by the Department of Police, Animal Services Division, provides high-standard sheltering and care to the homeless, abused, and neglected animals in our community and ensures the safety and welfare of the county’s citizens. We are the County’s only open-admission, municipal shelter. Through adoptions, education, outreach, and more, MCASAC serves as a critical community resource to promote and advocate for responsible pet care. Animal Services Officers are on duty seven days a week to investigate citizen complaints and respond to animal emergencies 24 hours a day. For more information, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/asd](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/asd)*

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